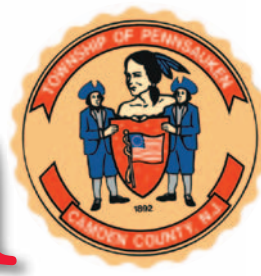


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## Pennsauken's Energy Aggregation Program To End In September

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A cost-saving program that allowed residents lower electric rates is coming to an end.

The Pennsauken Township energy aggregation program, which provided an electric rate 13 percent lower than PSE&G, will conclude its 16-month fixed rate contract with enrolled residents' September 2017 meter read. After September, these accounts will be automatically returned to PSE&G for electricity supply service; residents are not required to do anything in order to switch back. As before, PSE&G will continue to deliver residents' power, handle customer accounts, respond to outages, and maintain service.

"We thank those residents who participated in Pennsauken's residential government energy aggregation program. The Township's administration and our Committee were glad that we could help residents save money on their electricity bills for over a year," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "Moving forward, the Township will do its due diligence to find an alternative program in the future that can help our community save money in a similar way."

Households enrolled in the Pennsauken residential government energy aggregation program will receive a letter in the mail regarding this change. This letter is informational only and no action is required.

## Pennsauken Throws Summertime Birthday Bash On August 27

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

As a signature event for Pennsauken's 125th anniversary, the Township has planned a gigantic community-wide birthday bash on Sunday, August 27, held from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, located at Westfield and Bethel avenues.

"We've put together quite a birthday party to help the town celebrate our 125th anniversary," says Bill Orth, Pennsauken Township Committee. "This event isn't just for Pennsauken residents and our neighbors. This party serves as a homecoming for those who have moved away from town."

The summertime birthday bash has something for everyone. For the foodie, there will be a diverse selection of food trucks, including Mary's Mobile Diner, Cooper River Lunch and Munch, "Lil" Trent's Grille, Kona Ice, Dump-n-Roll, Not Your Mama's Tacos, Mannino's

Cannoli Express, Mannino's Pizzeria Express, PJ's Pub, and Beast of the Street, offering a wide variety of fare. There will also be a craft beer and wine garden provided by P.J. Whelihan's. For the music lover, there will be live performances from the Collins/Flynn Band, the popular cover band playing classic pop hits of the 1960's – everything from the Beatles to the "one hit" wonders; the Sensational Soul Cruisers, an 11-piece band with horns fronted by four soulful vocalists who pay homage and tribute to classic performers from Otis Redding and the Drifters to Barry White and the Commodores; and AM Radio, playing "all the songs you grew up listening to, even the ones you've forgotten." And for families, there are games for both kids and adults; inflatable bounce houses; meet and greets with costumed characters; kid-friendly entertainment, including balloon twisting and face painting; and more.

A special guest attending Pennsauken's



Pennsauken Township is throwing a 125th birthday bash on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex.

125th birthday bash is none other than Greg "The Bull" Luzinski, the hard swinging left fielder that helped the Philadelphia Phillies win the World Series in 1980. Luzinski will be available for autographs

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## Breaking Ground At Haddon Point Apartments

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



Local officials, developers, and members of the community were on hand for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Haddon Point apartment project, which will be built on the site of the old Pennsauken Mart.

Fourteen years of frustration were buried with shovelfuls of dirt. Local officials, developers, and members of the community were on hand for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Haddon Point apartment project, signaling the start of a new beginning for the property that once housed the well-

known Pennsauken Mart. In recent years, this piece of land was associated more for a series of false starts than for its potential. Now this property has a more defined – and much more hopeful – future ahead.

"This is a momentous occasion in the Township of Pennsauken," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "We're blessed with a great developer and partner who will transform this site and create the future of Pennsauken with us."

Haddon Point, a high end apartment complex targeting young professionals and

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## AUGUST CALENDAR

### National Night Out

The Pennsauken Fire Department will open its fire stations to the public during National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 1, an annual community-building campaign. From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Pennsauken's fire stations will host a variety of activities, giveaways, and more. For more information, visit [twp.pennsauken.nj.us](http://twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

### Marching Band Fundraiser

The Pennsauken High School Marching Band is hosting a fundraiser on Thursday, Aug. 3, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Pop Shop, 729 Haddon Ave., Collingswood. Mention the PHS Marching Band to your server and the Pop Shop will donate 20 percent of your check to the band, dine in or take out.

### Car Wash/Yard Sale Fundraiser

PYAA Football and Cheerleading are hosting a car wash/yard sale fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 5, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the PYAA Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., Pennsauken. Small businesses welcome; vendor spaces are available for \$25 each. Proceeds benefit athletic programs for our young people. Contact Coach Chelley at (856) 536-2375 for more information.

### Pints For Pets

Animal Adoption Center is hosting a "Pints for Pets" event Saturday, Aug. 5, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Double Nickel Brewing Company, 1585, Rt. 73, Pennsauken. Take a load off and join adoptable dogs

for a relaxing afternoon. A portion of the proceeds from a special firkin will benefit pets at the center. For more information, visit [AACNJ.org](http://AACNJ.org) or call (856) 435-9116.

### Out Of The Darkness Walk

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is hosting an "Out of the Darkness" Walk on Sunday, Aug. 6 at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the AFSP to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Check-in and registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact Stacey D. Collins at (215) 609-5391 or [scollins803@gmail.com](mailto:scollins803@gmail.com).

### PASA

Please join the Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) as we work to educate the community about ways to stop abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The organization's next meeting will be on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.

### Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more in-

formation, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

### American Legion

American Legion Fredrick W. Griggs Post 68 will meet on Thursday, Aug. 10 at 7:00 p.m. These monthly meetings are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. All veterans who served during qualifying conflicts are welcome to join. The Post now has an Auxiliary Unit which meets at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Post meeting. Any ladies who are the spouse or the daughter of a veteran are welcome to join.

### Ice Skating

The Pennsauken Learn-to-Ice-Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Rd. in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-15 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed. For more information, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs).

### Community Cookout

Vegan Cookout Part Three begins at noon on Sunday, Aug. 20 at Meadowbrook Park, across the street from Benjamin Franklin Elementary. Come out to celebrate life in the best way possible through art, play, and community. Featuring vendors, live music, and more. Free to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share (preferably vegan), blankets, art supplies, balls, etc. For details, search for "Veggie Q Pt.3" on Facebook.

### Community Health Fair/Back Pack Giveaway

Serenity Christian Worship Center in Pennsauken is hosting a Community Health Fair on Saturday, Aug. 26, noon to 4:00 p.m. at the East Pennsauken Park Baseball Field, located at the corner of Haddonfield Rd. and Orchard Ave. There will also be a free back-to-school back pack giveaway for students. For more information, visit [serenitycwc.org](http://serenitycwc.org).

### Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

St. Peter's Knights Of Columbus Council will be hosting a golf outing fundraiser

on Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. First tee is 4:30 p.m., followed by 10-minute tee times until 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 and includes nine holes with cart; three tickets to use in any combination after the round for beers and/or hot dogs; one free block in the \$100 payout block pool; and more. There will also be closest to the pin and putting contests. Payment must be up front to reserve your spot. Checks can be made out to the Knights of Columbus Council #6735 and sent to Bob Altenbach, 7409 Githens Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08109. For more information, e-mail [baltenbach@nbcllc.com](mailto:baltenbach@nbcllc.com) or call (856) 663-2115.

### Youth Bowling League

A Saturday morning youth bowling league begins Sept. 16, 9:30 a.m., at Pinsetter Bowling Center, 7111 Maple Ave., Pennsauken. The league has three divisions: bantams, ages 5-8; preps, ages 9-12; and juniors/majors, ages 13-20. Featuring individual coaching, holiday parties, a year-end banquet, and awards and trophies. For more information, call (856) 665-3377.

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## On The Job

Helping to connect Pennsauken residents with local companies looking to hire.

**Bayada Home Health Care** in Pennsauken is looking for certified home health aides and perspective applicants interested in becoming certified aides with Bayada. On Sept. 11-29, Bayada will be hosting a certified home health aide training course, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily. The cost is \$200 (includes all fees and background checks) and will be reimbursed after working five full-time weeks. Please contact Marcia Stanford at (856) 663-1622 or [mstanford@bayada.com](mailto:mstanford@bayada.com).

**Edison Retail Solutions** in Pennsauken has full time positions available: customer service representatives, die cutter operator, mounting operator, planner commercial print kitting fulfillment, forklift operators and material handlers. Contact (630) 338-9655 or e-mail applications or resumes to [hr@edisonlitho.com](mailto:hr@edisonlitho.com).

**Simmons Foods** is a leading supplier of poultry, pet and ingredient products and is the largest supplier of store brand wet pet food in North America. Their Pennsauken location currently has 10 open positions, from director of sales to sanitation worker. For more information, visit [simmonsfoods.com/careers](http://simmonsfoods.com/careers).

**Inserts East**, a leading commercial printer located in Pennsauken, is seeking candidates for a junior printing role, which assists in a wide range of production activities. The press assistant will remove bundles from the press, count bundles placed on skids and perform tasks such as cleaning or changing press equipment for a new run. Day and night shifts are available. If interested please email [hr1@insertseast.com](mailto:hr1@insertseast.com) or pick up application at 7045 Central Highway, Pennsauken, NJ.

**SolidSurface Designs** in Pennsauken is currently looking for experienced countertop installers, helpers, stone fabricators and stone polishers. Please contact Joe at (856) 910-7720 or email at [joe@ssdtops.com](mailto:joe@ssdtops.com).

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## MAYOR'S CORNER A Strong Focus On "Pennsauken Pride"



By Betsy McBride,  
Mayor of  
Pennsauken  
Township

We want to be proud of the community where we work and live. It's so important, we even have a motto for it: "Pennsauken Pride."

We are all part of the ongoing effort to make Pennsauken great.

I drive through town often and look at properties as if I was a visitor. I sometimes see cars on front lawns, high grass, trash, graffiti, and "We Buy Houses" signs on telephone poles, all of which are illegal. Sometimes I am discouraged. There are not enough hours in my day to address all the issues. I am committed, however, to improving the image of Pennsauken and cannot do it without you.

I know most of our homeowners are very good about upkeep on their property. Keep it up and thank you! However, one poorly maintained property can pull down the image of the whole street. You know who you are. Know the rules and abide by them. Take pride in the image of your own property and the image of Pennsauken will improve.

It's the same for our commercial properties. We have many, many businesses that are great neighbors. Continue to set an example with your clean store fronts and landscaped properties, and thank you for doing so.

I realize that some of you may be experiencing a hardship. Don't panic, reach out. Call our Buildings Department. Reach out to Administration. Leave me a message. We will work with you. We want good neighbors in Pennsauken

who are proud of their property and proud to be here.

As for those of you that refuse to maintain your property, the Township has a different type of encouragement for you. We are strengthening our code for residential and commercial property maintenance. We will inform all of our property owners about these changes and we will increase inspections. We will also enforce progressive fines for repeat offenders. If you have been summoned to court for property maintenance more than once, you are costing all Pennsauken taxpayers unnecessary expense and taking staff away from tasks that are beneficial to the community. If you fail to show up to court, bench warrants will be issued and executed.

But it doesn't have to come to that. The Township is not trying to pick a fight

with you. We're just serious about maintaining a strong level of pride in our community. Work with us. Pick up trash daily. Weed, mow, or paint and enhance your property. Help us create curb appeal

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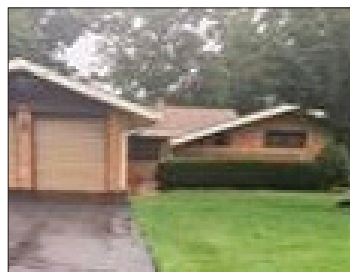
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### Pennsauken – Welcome to Chadwick!

This three bedroom one and a half bath Bilevel features remodeled eat-in-kitchen with stainless GE refrigerator, new sink and back splash, beautiful counter tops, dishwasher, newer stove and hardwood floor, spacious living and dining rooms with new carpets. New carpets, new full bath and powder room, new front and back doors, beautiful new deck out back, huge family room, deep attached garage, newer heat pump and central air and a very spacious back yard. What a great opportunity in Chadwick! \$195,000



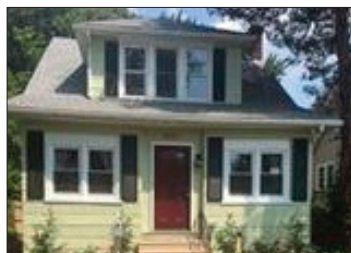
### Marlton – Woodstream

Beautiful brick front colonial featuring L/R, D/R, eat-in-kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, central air, gas heat and replacement windows. Walking distance to public elementary school (Van Zant). Updated throughout, very clean. In-ground pool with patio in back yard, great for entertaining. Ready to go, can settle anytime. \$289,900



### Haddon Twp – WOW!!!

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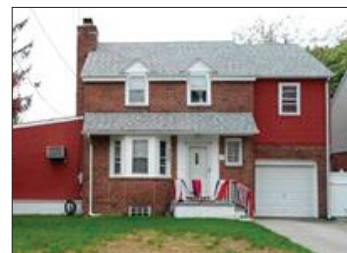
### Pennsauken – Collins Tract

3 bedrooms 2 full baths, new high and dry finished basement with separate entrance and full bath, 1 car detached garage, new 11x20 deck, enclosed front porch with shiplap, New high efficiency gas forced air HVAC, new high efficiency water heater, all new ruff electric and fixtures, new 150 amp service, new roof, new kitchen, subway tile backsplash, new appliances, ceiling fans in living room, porch and master, new carpet upstairs, new ceramic tiles in kitchen and bath, fresh paint throughout, refinished hardwood floors on main floor, most new windows, 2 huge closets in master, huge linen closet, storage closets in basement, move in condition, immediate occupancy \$179,900



### Pennsauken – Bloomfield

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## WAGSWORLD Technology – Or The Lack Of It – Causing The Giggles

By Bob Wagner,  
AAP Columnist

Just when I thought I had heard it all, something new pops up!

The time I spend with the girly girls is always filled with new, modern revelations. They tease me unmercifully about my lack of techno skills. My aversion to modern electronics is well documented. My flip phone causes them to giggle uncontrollably when I take the occasional

call. The fact that I have no apps leaves them almost speechless, but never stops the giggles.

I made a phone call last night, from my house phone. You know, the one with the land line. I think it's modern because you can take it out of its holder and walk around the house. Sometimes you can even take the phone outside, but not too far. Right after dialing, I had to do something that required immediate attention. I handed the phone to girly girl number

two, asked her to say "hello" when it was answered, then commenced to do whatever it was I had to do. A mere few seconds into this exchange, I glanced over and saw the youngster with a perplexed look on her face. She said there was something wrong with the phone. It was beeping! I reached over and took the phone, hearing the distinct and common-to-me sound of a busy signal. Now I was overcome with the giggles, as I called out to the bride to come hear the strange sound.

She, the good grandmother, was much too polite to giggle. She simply explained to young Emily that in olden days, some folk didn't have call waiting, or even answering machines. I thought I caught a twinkle in the bride's eye as she hung up the phone, but my eyes were watering up after my own personal set of the giggles.

My good friend Jones, whose phone had started the yucks, is even more phone challenged than I. His phone may still have a hand crank. But he one ups me by being able to put pictures on his computer, and send them along to our friends on space book.

It never occurred to me that there are people walking around today who never heard a busy signal. For the rest of the

summer, I'm making it a lesson to be learned for my grandkids to expose them to all the antiquities I can remember.

First, a stick shift on the Jeep; then, a metal key to open, then start said vehicle. We'll then visit the library, where I have heard they have a set of encyclopedias, where folks went before Google. If all this gets them sweaty, we'll come home and run through the sprinkler, followed by using my ice scraper to make snow cones. After a short rest on the "stoop," we'll catch fireflies in a mason jar.

Of course, all of this is contingent on me leaving the couch, where the greatest of all modern conveniences, the air conditioner, keeps me busy not sweating.

Happy summer.

## Submit Community Events To All Around Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, Editor, AAP

While we do a pretty good job finding out about community events, we're not always aware of all the happenings in town. It's extremely important for local residents and organizations to share what's going on in their neighborhoods; and we're more than happy to promote and cover local events that people share with us.

Hosting a community clean-up and need volunteers? Holding a fundraiser and want the public to know? Want to invite your fellow residents to a special celebration? Let us know by filling out our new easy-to-use online form!

Visit AllAroundPennsauken.com and click on the banner that says, "Submit A Community Event To AAP!" You'll be redirected to a page that allows you to quickly and easily input all the important information about your upcoming event.

Events submitted on or around the 10th of the month prior will be considered for the upcoming print edition of All Around Pennsauken, as well as Channel 19, Pennsauken Television. For example: a community event occurring in September should be submitted on or around Aug. 10. And you might just see one of our staff stop by to take pictures

during your event!

If we can't use it for the print version of the paper, we can share it via our online calendar of events, Facebook page, or Twitter feed!

We look forward to your submissions

and helping share even more great events throughout our community!

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## Pennsauken Lions Recognize Civic-Minded Young People

By Mary Anne McFarland,  
Pennsauken Lions Club

"Appreciating Our Youth" was the theme for the recent dinner held by the Pennsauken Lions Club, where members of the Pennsauken High School Leo Club and Boy Scout Troop 118 received certificates of appreciation from the organization.

As part of the evening, Scouts A.J. Marinelli, Gio Marinelli, and Ethan Harbold recounted adventures at summer camp. A.J., a "seasoned" Boy Scout of three years, plus six Cub Scout years, talked about the merit badges he earned and the activities in which he, as an older scout, could participate. He also spoke about working towards his Eagle rank. Gio and Ethan, both first-year Boy Scouts, talked about the new scout program they participated in at camp. Gio, who could have a career in stand-up comedy because of his deadpan delivery, regaled the group with his "misadventures." The Lions supports the Troop's camping efforts by donating \$500 to be used as a scholarship program for boys who might not be able to pay for the week-long summer camping experience, as camp costs anywhere from \$250 to \$350.

The Pennsauken Lions Club also sponsors the Leo Club at Pennsauken High School and supports the organization by providing two scholarships to graduating seniors. Leo President Medina Talebi spoke about the different service projects the organization had participated in throughout the school year, like the Township's annual Holiday Parade. The Leos also support the Lions by serving at the annual pancake breakfast and helping at the annual Target shopping spree for visually disabled children. Another such activity is the "Senior Citizen's Prom" held for residents of a local senior living facility.

Our young people are our greatest re-

source, and the Pennsauken Lions Club is proud to support them, helping to fos-

ter positive character traits and a strong sense of civic duty.

The Lions Club is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to be of service to the Pennsauken Community. Anyone interested should contact [Pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:Pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com).



Pennsauken Lions Club President Ely Mateo (center), seen here with Scouts Ethan Harbold, A.J. Marinelli, and Gio Marinelli, at a recent dinner recognizing civic-minded young people in our community.

## Pennsauken's Albright Opens Merchantville Sweet Shop



Local officials and members of the community were on hand for the grand opening of the Merchantville Sweet Shop on Maple Ave. The ice cream shop is owned by both longtime Pennsauken native Larry Albright and his friend, Ramon Garcia of Camden. For the full story, visit [AllAroundPennsauken.com](http://AllAroundPennsauken.com).

### PENNSAUKEN AUGUST PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Township Committee**  
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August 2 and 16

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## Fourth Annual Pennsauken Job Fair Scheduled For September 28



The fourth annual Pennsauken Job Fair will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Living Faith Christian Center, 2323 Rt. 73.

Pennsauken Township, the Business, Industry, and Government Council of Pennsauken, and Living Faith Christian Center are hosting the Township's fourth annual job fair on Thursday, Sept. 28. The event, held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Living Faith Christian Center, located at 2323 Rt. 73 in Pennsauken, will allow job seekers to connect with local businesses and organizations with open positions.

"Pennsauken's job fair puts residents in front of local employers ready to hire; in fact, many individuals have been hired

right on the spot in previous years," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "Gaining a job is truly empowering, allowing people to put food on the table and take care of their families. We hope that many in our community take advantage of this important event."

At last year's job fair, hundreds of job seekers met with almost two dozen local businesses and organizations looking for hires. Many of the companies participating in the job fair expressed how impressed they were with the candidates

they spoke with.

"We've had a lot of businesses that look forward to coming back to Pennsauken's job fair each year due to the amount of qualified candidates the event attracts," says Larry Cardwell, Pennsauken Township Department of Economic Development. "Our job fair really benefits both local employers and job seekers."

Job seekers planning to come to this year's event are asked to bring at least two dozen copies of their résumé and to "dress to impress."

"A good first impression can go a long way to standing out to a potential employer," adds Terry Carr, Pennsauken Township Department of Economic Development. "We'll start sharing a list of businesses and organizations planning to attend the job fair in the next few weeks. Those individuals looking for a new position should do their homework and research these companies beforehand so they can not only see if they're a good fit, but also be knowledgeable and ask important questions."

Individuals unable to attend the event, or those looking to connect with potential employers in advance, can upload their résumé at [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-job-fair-2017)

job-fair-2017. Pennsauken's Economic Development department will share résumés with all the companies who participate in this year's job fair and will keep these electronic résumés on file for companies looking to hire employees in

the future.

For more information about the Sept. 28 job fair, contact Terry Carr, (856) 665-1000 x153, [tcarr@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:tcarr@twp.pennsauken.nj.us); or Larry Cardwell, (856) 665-1000 x108, [lcardwell@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:lcardwell@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

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




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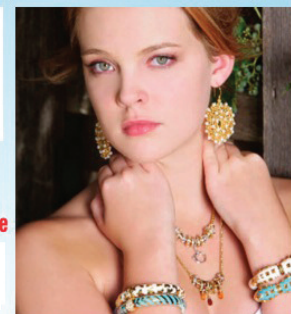
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## PMAC, ColorSource To Produce Second Resource Directory

The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (P.M.A.C.) has partnered with ColorSource, Inc., a Pennsauken-based

printer and chamber member, to produce a second installment of the organization's resource directory. A 6" x 9" full color booklet is an excellent guide of area businesses and includes local his-

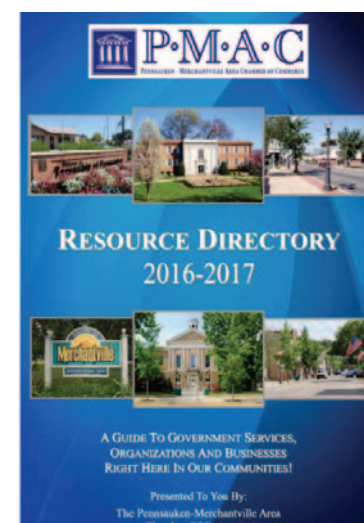
tory, school information, service organizations, and more. There is also a special section listing current P.M.A.C. members, a full color advertisement section and a business listing for all participating

Pennsauken and Merchantville businesses.

When published, the 2018 P.M.A.C. Resource Directory will be delivered to more than 17,000 local households and 1,650 businesses, creating exposure to almost 40,000 potential customers.

For more information, contact Nancy Ellis at [pmac1team@gmail.com](mailto:pmac1team@gmail.com) or (856) 438-0833; or Mike Dickinson at [mdickinson@colorsource.com](mailto:mdickinson@colorsource.com) or (856) 488-8100.

An updated version of the P.M.A.C. resource directory is being produced for 2018.



## Annual Labor Day Wreath Laying Ceremony Held September 1

Labor leaders, public officials, and members of the local community will gather in Pennsauken on Friday, Sept. 1 to celebrate workers across our country at the annual AFL-CIO wreath-laying ceremony. This annual event has been held for over 120 years at the Peter J. McGuire Memorial, located at Arlington Cemetery, 1620 Cove Rd., Pennsauken, where the labor leader and "Father of Labor Day" is interred. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m.

McGuire is known for championing important labor causes that are considered commonplace today, such as the 40-hour work week, days off on the weekend, and child labor laws. His most famous achievement, remains an idea he proposed in May 1882, at the New York Central Labor Union: for a day to be set

aside the American worker and to celebrate the achievements of the labor movement. In New York that September, the first Labor Day parade and celebration was held. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed the law declaring Labor Day as a national holiday.

The current memorial in Pennsauken was sponsored and built by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and dedicated in 1952. In 2016, officials and VIPs were on hand to dedicate a new "welcome wall" to help mark the location of the Peter J. McGuire Memorial.

For more information about Peter J. McGuire and his accomplishments, be sure to read the 2015 article written by Robert Fisher-Hughes, AAP columnist and amateur historian, which can be found at [AllAroundPennsauken.com](http://AllAroundPennsauken.com).



Labor leaders, public officials and members of the local business community will be on hand Sept. 1 for a wreath laying ceremony at the Peter J. McGuire Memorial, located at Arlington Cemetery in Pennsauken.

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Meanwhile, at historic Burrough-Dover House off Haddonfield Rd. on

Burrough-Dover Lane, the historic home of the Quaker Burrough family will welcome visitors to tour the house, the museum, and the beautiful grounds for a perfect August afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The summer will be fast dwindling when the two homes for history open again on Sunday, Sept. 3, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. On that first Sunday in September, an exhibit of memorabilia of Labor Day and its founder, Peter J. McGuire, will be on display at Griffith Morgan House. McGuire, founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners who first suggested the creation of a Labor Day holiday, lies buried and memorialized at Arlington Cemetery in Pennsauken. Mark the occasion with a historic visit to the Memorial and then visit our homes for history: Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House!

On all "First Sundays" and special events, both Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House will be open for

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Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane off Haddonfield Rd., opposite the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Route 73.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House and Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details or directions. Interested parties can also call (856) 486-9561 or e-mail pennsaukenhistorical.society@gmail.com. Be sure to contact Pennsauken Historical Society or Griffith Morgan Committee about volunteer opportunities!

Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours, events and research by prior appointment.

## Environmental Protection Agency Reviews Cleanup at Swope Oil Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its fourth five-year review of the Swope Oil Superfund site in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey. The purpose of this five-year review is to ensure that the remedy at this site is functioning as intended and continues to be protective of public health

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- Pace yourself with both outdoor and indoor activities
- Stay cool indoors; find an air conditioned place to stay for a few hours
- Take a cold shower or bath
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully; the sun's rays are the most damaging between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
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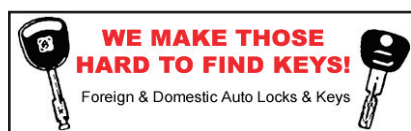
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By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

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Remember that Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings song?

I recently heard it on the radio and it gave me some nice sing along time, and quite a few happy memories. Thank you Willie and Waylon!

My youth coincided with television's early years; and although I loved Lucy, Uncle Miltie, and Sid Caesar, the real heroes that kept me glued to the TV set on a Saturday morning were Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and The Lone Ranger. Those mamas should be proud their babies became cowboys, even if it was just for 30 minutes, once a week, on a 12-inch, black and white television screen.

These fellas were all wholesome, honest, good guys who gave me hope through every single Saturday morning that right wins in the end; that the bad guy deserves his comeuppance; and that we should be respectful of our loved ones, our animal friends, and our country. And to top it off, Roy and Gene were great singers! I never heard the Lone Ranger sing, but I'm sure he also could carry a tune.

The day I turned six, I got a complete cowgirl outfit, from boots to hat. I even slept in it that birthday night: bow tie collared blouse, fringed vest, with matching skirt and silver belt buckle. They were comfortable and comforting and I remember how happy I felt wearing all of it.

Never again did I enjoy clothing so much until about 10 years later, when I bought my first pair of bellbottoms, but we'll save that story for another time.

Now, back to my cowboy pals. Beyond a doubt, I learned so many admirable life lessons by watching them. And so, in their honor, I faithfully wore my cowgirl duds every Saturday morning to view

my heroes as they saved the ranch, the girl, their friends, or the dog.

I actually wanted to BE a cowgirl when I grew up. But life took over, and those visions of the Texas plains and The Black Hills of Dakota took a back seat in my history, although never a back seat in my heart.

Funny how some things stay with you, huh?

Many years ago I found a quote from William Boyd, who was the Hopalong Cassidy of my childhood, and it stays right here in my office, directly across from our bedroom where – and I know this will make many a style-conscious woman crazy – is a huge, poster-size, black and white glossy photo of Hopalong. And here's his quote:

"I've tried to make Hoppy a plain and simple man in manners and dress. Hoppy isn't a flashy character. He isn't illiterate. Nor is he smart-alecky. He doesn't use big words or bad words. After all, I felt that Hoppy might be looked up to and that children might try to pattern their lives after the man. If Hoppy said 'ain't' and 'reckon' and 'that-away', all the kids might start saying the same things."

No, it's not Keats, Shelley, or either of the Brownings; but it's from a man who did all he could, as Hopalong, to be a good example for children to follow. A man who gave us heartfelt messages of love, friendship, bravery, compassion, and honor. Important lessons to last a lifetime.

You don't have to wear a cowboy hat to be someone's hero. You just have to lasso in all the goodness and integrity you can find and then make them your own. I promise you, partner, it will go a long, long way.

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~Judy, Hoppy, Roy, Gene, and The Lone Ranger.

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# inSchool

## Phifer Becomes An Eco-School

Phifer Middle School has made a commitment to sustainability; prior to the end of the 2016-2017 school year, Phifer registered as an Eco-School with Eco-Schools USA in New Jersey, a partnership between the National Wildlife Federation and New Jersey Audubon. Eco-Schools USA is based on the work of student-driven teams dedicated to issues like recycling and energy conserva-

tion and claims more than 4,300 schools in the nation. There are more than 200 Eco-Schools throughout New Jersey and 14 registered in Camden County.

Seventh grade students have taken the lead on sustainability initiatives at the Phifer Middle School. First on the agenda was building a school vegetable garden using the innovative technique called hugelkultur, which essentially

means "hill mound." Hugelkultur is a method of raised bed gardening that utilizes layers of old sticks, logs and leaves and creates a nutrient rich soil with superior irrigation that requires less intensive watering than a traditional raised bed. The students also learned how to "feed the soil" by creating their own compost, using worms and old food scraps. Other students collected trash to create upcycling projects that will decorate the garden space.

These efforts were the result of Phifer Middle School's Green Team, comprised of seventh graders and led by teachers Jacklyn Walther, Cyndi Kehl, and Lisa Hybiski. Ms. Walther also owns The Square Meal, a restaurant celebrating sustainable agriculture in Oaklyn, NJ.

"This kind of learning really gets the

students excited," says seventh grade teacher and green team leader, Jacklyn Walther. "Kids thrive on being outside with a rake and a shovel. It really engages them."

The group plans to expand their efforts in the near future by collecting more food waste from the cafeteria to grow their composting operation and reduce the amount of waste being produced by the school.

Projects like these help schools progress through the Eco-Schools USA framework and earn awards for their successes. Schools select from 10 environmental focus areas or pathways to work on themes such as energy efficiency, biodiversity, and sustainable foods. In addition to direct environmental benefits, the program helps to dramatically improve



Phifer Middle School is now an Eco-School, with student-driven teams dedicated to issues like recycling and energy conservation.

student skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). It is also a proven framework for promoting youth leadership and community service.

## Don't Forget To Do Your Summer Reading!

It's the beginning of August; there are only a few short weeks left until the start of school. Many students are rushing to complete their summertime bucket list: dips in the pool, trips down the shore, and most importantly... wrapping up their summer reading assignments.

You did start your summer reading, didn't you?

If you waited until the last minute – we hear that happens occasionally – don't panic. There's still time to complete it before school starts.

Simply visit the District's web site at [Pennsauken.net](http://Pennsauken.net) and click on the "Summer Reading Assignments" article in the



"Announcements" section. You'll find all the information you'll need for each grade's reading assignments. Plus, some grade levels have incentives from Barnes and Noble and TD Bank for reaching reading benchmarks!

So keep reading! We'll see you soon!

## Phifer Students Compete In "24 Game" Tournaments



Phifer students showcased their amazing mental math skills and quickness during the school's annual "24 Game" tournaments.

Several students at Howard M. Phifer Middle School competed in the annual seventh and eighth grade "24 Game" tournaments. These talented students showcased their amazing mental math skills and quickness by trying to create the number 24 using any combination of four single- or double-digit whole numbers, along with any mathematical

operations.

The students and mathematics teachers had a great time and the top four finalists in each tournament earned trophies.

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



By Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi,  
MEd2., M.S., M.B.S.,  
Superintendent,  
Pennsauken Public Schools

A very productive summer in Pennsauken is almost behind us. We are very close to completing our new cosmetology and culinary arts classrooms. In addition, we have made major renovations to our existing carpentry and automotive classrooms. Our vocational programs will rival any programs on any campus, however please remember, we are NOT a vocational school. We are a comprehensive school district with embedded vocational programs. Pennsauken now offers dual credit

## An Extremely Productive Summer In Pennsauken

courses, advanced placement courses, college preparatory courses, and vocational courses. In addition, students, if they choose, can become part of our academies, which helps them complete prerequisites for their intended majors in post secondary education.

On another positive note, our first ever summer enrichment has went very well this summer. We offered programs on three separate campuses to educate students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The intent was to help our students who show great work ethic during the school year grow further in subject matter and content area. We wanted to help them get ahead, and it is a

tremendous success for the 250 students that signed on. Additionally, our first ever strength and speed camp has benefited our young athletes as we prepare them for collegiate athletics.

These programs would not have been as successful if it had not been for the teachers. A good leader relies on the people that are dedicated to an environment. I remember discussing the pros and cons of these programs with dedicated teachers like Coach Snyder, Coach Tabb, and Coach Nardello, among many others. They were and continue to be very helpful, and are very needed in our district. Teachers like these are the backbone of the success of Pennsauken and I am grateful to all of our educators who have proven that they care about Pennsauken School District and its students.

Please remember that true change takes time. Our community is passionate about the success of our students; it's one of the things I love about Pennsauken. We may not always agree on things, but our district will always listen and work with those who respectfully come to us with issues and concerns.

Working together, we can be the change we want to see.

Please remember these powerful words from Harry S. Truman: "Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

Pennsauken is heading in a positive and powerful direction, I am proud to be your superintendent; I look forward to working with our staff, our students, and our community to make us the best district in our wonderful state.

## Spend Time With The Super

Please join me each month for "Coffee and Questions with the Superintendent," which takes place on Tuesdays before Board of Education meetings, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Central Administration, 1695 Hylton Rd. During this time, parents and residents can see me directly for an informal meeting and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

## Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 1695 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting at the Administrative Office, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly "Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent" from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

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# Taking “Summer School” In A New Direction

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

This isn't your father's summer school. Beginning in June, the Pennsauken School District launched a new, free summer enrichment program that was offered to any child living in Pennsauken Township, not just the ones enrolled in Pennsauken Public Schools. It's a \$200,000 investment in our kids that's designed to help them get a leg up for the upcoming school year.

“For a first-time program, there's been a lot of interest in summer enrichment,” says Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent, Pennsauken Public Schools. “Two hundred and fifty students, from kindergarten to 12th grade, have been attending the program four days a week since late June; they really have been highly motivated and engaged in their learning.”

During the summer enrichment program, which runs through Aug. 10, kids

receive lessons in math, science, and language arts; they also have their pick of physical education or music. High school students are also receiving free PSAT and SAT preparation. In addition, the summer enrichment program is tied into a brand new strength and conditioning camp at Pennsauken High School, which is also free for student-athletes who attend the summer enrichment program.

The enrichment program is designed to battle the “brain drain” that often occurs from the end of June through August. According to Oxford Learning, students lose about two to three months of material that they had learned during the school year over the summer months. This means that when the new school year begins, teachers must spend the first few months re-teaching material that had been covered the previous year; which, in turn, means that classes may be

playing catch up. That's why it's so important to offer students an opportunity to continue their studies during the summer; it gives them a boost for the start of school and helps them excel.

“It's a great environment, because everyone here wants to learn. There are also some great teachers here. They really care,” says Nicole Alfano, who is second in her class and will be entering her senior year this fall. “It's definitely helped with my SATs and it's only been a few weeks.”

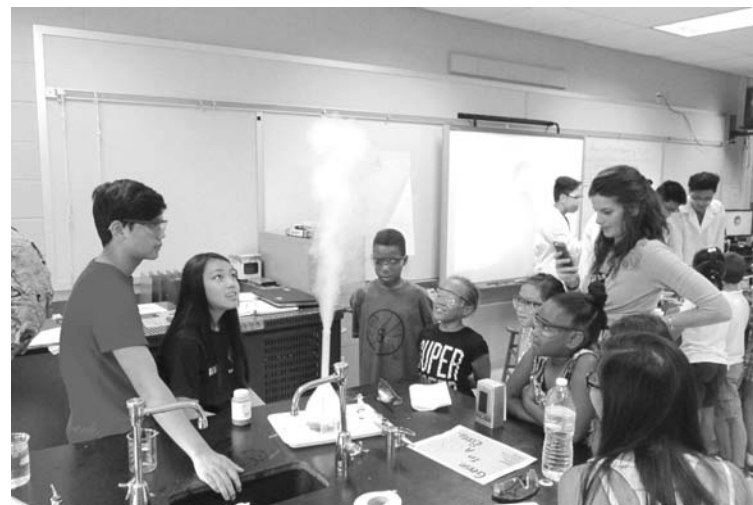
Last month, high school students researched, created, and demonstrated science experiments to children in lower grade levels that were participating in the summer enrichment program.

“This project was about giving the high school kids the freedom to decide what they wanted to do, creating an environment for them to safely and successfully experiment, and present their experiments to younger, curious minds,” says Billy Snyder, science, chemistry, and engineering teacher at Pennsauken High School.

“This was an amazing opportunity for our high school students to introduce and excite younger students with the wonders of science,” adds Angel Cook, supervisor of science.

Students were wowed by experiments such as “genie in a bottle,” combining hydrogen peroxide and manganese dioxide to create a stream of “genie smoke;” “elephant toothpaste,” using hydrogen peroxide, dish soap, yeast, and warm water to make a foaming creation; and the classic inflated balloon experiment, adding baking soda to vinegar.

“Creating a student-led opportunity that allows elementary and middle school students to ask questions and learn in a high school science lab is a cool experience,” says Sandra Allen, director



High School students researched, created, and demonstrated science experiments to children in kindergarten through eighth grade as part of the District's summer enrichment program.

of curriculum for the Pennsauken School District.

“The kids did an outstanding job. They created experiments that not only had to work once, but five times for each session,” says Trever Miller, chemistry and physics teacher at Pennsauken High School. “I thanked all of them for their hard work. They learned how hard it was to make a demonstration work in front of a hard audience.”

Parents, students, and staff have expressed positive feedback on summer enrichment and look forward to expanding the program next year.

“I really appreciate the administration giving us the opportunity to have a summer enrichment program,” says Snyder. “The students are really challenging each other. We're creating a positive culture to build on that we're hoping becomes contagious throughout the District.”

## PHS Indoor Guard Holds Car Wash On August 12



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## Offering New Programs For The 2017-2018 School Year

It might seem difficult to imagine, but we are just a month away from the start of a new school year! This year, the Board of Education, in conjunction with the superintendent, administration, and staff of the Pennsauken School District, is excited to offer several new educational opportunities in addition to our existing program.

Several of these newly added programs are geared toward those students

interested in acquiring a specialized vocation while in high school. Often called career and technical education, or CTE for short, these new offerings will give students the ability to earn certifications in one of four areas: automotive, culinary, cosmetology, or carpentry. Renovations at Pennsauken High School are being completed to ensure that these new programs will be available for students to enroll in by the start of the school year.

While we are excited to offer the CTE track for students this academic year, the Board of Education would like to clearly state that Pennsauken High School IS NOT becoming a vocational school. Instead, these programs will be offered in addition to our traditional educational program to increase the opportunities

for all students.

The Pennsauken Board of Education has also partnered with Camden County College and Rowan College at Burlington County College to provide additional educational opportunities for our students. These partnerships are making it possible for students to earn college credit for courses that they will take during their high school careers while attending Pennsauken High School. We are also offering students a "senior option," which allows senior high school students to take higher level courses at our local county colleges, thus introducing them to the college experience before they leave high school.

The purpose of these new programs is to create an education that produces

students who are career and college ready. It is a goal of the Pennsauken Board of Education to prepare students for their futures. We believe that these programs will allow us to move a step closer to that goal. As always, we thank the Pennsauken community for their support. Without all of you, we would not be able to provide these new, exciting opportunities to our students!

### Board Bit Of The Month

This is not the first time the Pennsauken has offered CTE programs. In the 1970s, the school district provided programs that allowed students to earn certifications in areas such as HVAC, while attending Pennsauken High School.

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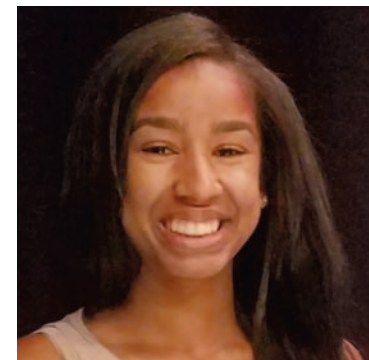
During this year's honors ceremony at Howard M. Phifer Middle School, Selena Carter, now a proud graduate of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2017, spoke with the middle school honor students. Below are excerpts from her speech:

"Let me introduce myself for most who do not know me. My name is Selena Carter and I am currently a senior at Pennsauken High School. I was a four-year varsity field hockey and lacrosse player, earning second team all conference, most outstanding, most improved, and a spot on the All Star Lacrosse

Team. But not only on the field did I succeed, I also did in the classroom, earning A/B honor roll, a GPA of a 3.6, and an academic scholarship of about \$30,000 to college. So let me share with you all one of my eye opening stories.

"Chemistry is the study of the structure, properties, mechanisms and reactions of organic compounds. Another definition of chemistry honors is the class that destroyed my confidence and became my worst enemy.

"Imagine sitting in your desk anxious, waiting to get the test back that you took



PHS senior Selena Carter addressed Phifer students during the middle school's annual honors ceremony.

a week ago, you are 100 percent sure you did good, you asked questions, studied and made note cards, so you are feeling very confident in yourself. You get your test back... it is a letter grade you have never seen before. I felt the tears, my throat tightening up. It was hard for me to grasp the understanding on how I failed.

"Having all As and Bs and seeing this, it did not mix well with me. I wanted to give up, transfer to regular chemistry. I believed that being in an honors class was not for me; that I was too dumb. Something told me not to, so I pushed, studied harder, and pushed some more. Nothing was handed to me; thanks to my determination and motivation, I ended up with a B.

"I am not here to scare you. I have a message, and it is that it's only going to get harder. But since you all made it this far as honor roll students, I have much faith that you all will do amazing.

"So I leave you with this quote: 'There are no secrets to success; it is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.'"

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## Carson ELL Students Performed For Classmates

Mrs. Cinalli's fourth grade English Language Learner (ELL) group donned costumes and made props to perform the play, "The Shoemakers and the Elves" for their peers. The students' performance was a success and the audience enjoyed the play!



## Phifer Students Destined For Greatness

Several students from Phifer Middle School were recognized as being "Destined for Greatness" during the month of April. Congratulations to Reese Mabolis, Jose Leon, Anthony Orzechowski,

Maliyay Ayala, Jormaries Pagan, Aidan Orzechowski, Johady Almanzar, Matthew Wallace, Alexangel Nunez, Jhaiden Perdomo, and Tiffany Nguyen.



Congratulations to the Phifer Middle School students who were "Destined for Greatness" for the month of April!

## Baldwin School Holds Year-End Sing-A-Long



As part of an end of the year celebration, the students at Baldwin School participated in a sing-a-long. We were delighted to have a packed house; many parents and relatives were in attendance to enjoy the students' singing! Mrs. Romvary's class, pictured here, is singing "What a Wonderful World."

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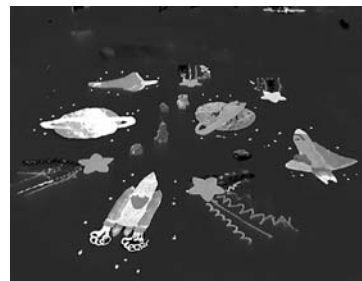
## Carson Students Create Glow-In-The-Dark Art

Carson School's annual art show featured hallways filled with works of art created by the students throughout the year. In addition, the show offered a semi-annual special exhibit: the glow-in-the-dark room!

One week during the winter, the students worked on creating outer space-themed projects. The kindergarten students created shooting stars, first grade designed UFOs, and second grade painted rockets! The third grade splat-

tered paint inspired by artist Jackson Pollock and used their work to create awesome planets! Finally, the fourth grade worked cooperatively to make a large scale sun, moon, and Earth! All of these works were hung up for display in our glow-in-the-dark room just in time for Space Day and the art show!

The students were glowing with pride as they walked through the room, seeing all their work shining bright!



Carson students from all grade levels created glow-in-the-dark pieces of art for the school's annual art show.

## Important Dates For Back-To-School

Thursday, Sept. 7	First Day Of School, All Students, Early Dismissal
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## More Solar Energy To Be Produced At Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A new project announced by the Camden County Freeholder Board and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Camden County (PCFACC) will generate 2,700 kilowatts of solar power to the Pennsauken community. Through collaboration with Energy Power Partners, a private equity and infrastructure fund manager that makes equity investments in North American renewable energy projects and platforms, 8,000 high efficiency solar panels will be installed across 16 acres on the top of the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill on River Rd.

"We feel very strongly about trying to create renewal energy wherever we can," says David Luthman, executive director, PCFACC. "This should about double our existing solar capacity. It's a terrific project using a closed portion of the landfill for a beneficial reuse."

The installation of these solar panels, which should be completed by the end of this year, provides a direct benefit to Pennsauken residents. The panels will be connected into the local grid and produce about 3.5 million kilowatt hours per year, which could power up to 300 homes. There is also a significant envi-

ronmental impact.

"According to the EPA, the equivalent of greenhouse gas reductions is about 2,700 tons per year, which is the same as not burning 2.7 million pounds of coal, planting 300 acres of forest, or reducing the import of 5,700 barrels of oil," explains Steve Gabrielle, partner of Energy Power Partners and president of EPP Corporation.

This project is the fourth initiative undertaken by Camden County and Energy Power Partners at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill. Previously, Energy Power Partners built a foundry that processes the methane gas created from the degradation of waste, as well as two previous installations of a total of 11,000 solar panels. The previous three projects help to provide renewable energy at a reduced rate to Aluminum Shapes, the neighboring business that employs hundreds of South Jersey residents.

"When you have available space where you can provide renewable energy sources, you have to take advantage of it," says Camden County Freeholder Jeffrey Nash, who spoke about the county's aggressive initiative to reduce its carbon footprint by 50 percent. "It's also significant that you have one of the county's largest employers in Aluminum Shapes and we can offer them business assistance by providing them with less costly energy. So this is really a win-win. We are helping our local businesses, which employ our residents and we're also reducing our carbon footprint."

"We are thrilled in Pennsauken that this new project will afford us the opportunity to have energy provided here for



Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride and Deputy Mayor Jack Killion joined PCFACC Executive Director David Luthman, Camden County Freeholder Jeffrey Nash, and EPP Partner Steve Gabrielle to break ground on the installation of 8,000 additional high efficiency solar panels at the Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill on River Rd. Upon completion, the project will provide renewable power to hundreds of homes in town.

residents. It's on the grid and it's local energy," adds Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "And to be able to help support Aluminum Shapes with cheaper energy is great. We're a business friendly community, but we also are strongly supportive of any environmental improvements that can help us."

"It's taken a long time for people to realize that renewable energy is the way to go and the way of our future. It's wonderful to have great partners that see that and work at it every day."

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## Living Faith Christian Center Holds Kid-Focused Free Market

Living Faith Christian Center (LFCC), located at 2323 Route 73 in Pennsauken, is focusing its annual community free market on “all things children.” Held on



Pennsauken's Living Faith Christian Center is focusing its annual community free market, held on Saturday, Aug. 19, on “all things children.”

Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the event – which has drawn thousands in previous years – features backpacks stocked with school supplies; giveaways and bicycle raffles; a kid zone featuring “Beep Beep” the Clown, games, and coloring station; free hot dogs, soft

pretzels, health screenings, and more.

“Living Faith Christian Center is passionate about giving back to the community. Our free market is an opportunity to meet the needs of hurting families within our community through caring and sharing,” says Senior Pastor Con-

stance McLean. “If you find yourself or know a family in need, come and join us. All items are free!”

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# MPWC WATERLINES

## Senate Bill 2834: The “Water Quality Accountability Act”

By Michael A. Saraceni, C.O.O., MPWC

Currently, Senate Bill 2834 is making its way through the legislative process. Sponsored by Sens. Stephen Sweeney, Linda Greenstein, and Christopher Bateman, SB 2834 intends to impose certain testing, reporting, management, and infrastructure investment requirements on all water purveyors in the State of New Jersey. This bill passed in both houses with a 76-0 vote. The purpose of SB 2834, as we understand it, is to ensure that those entrusted with delivering safe drinking water are properly and effectively maintaining their treatment and distribution systems and protecting the water supply.

The principal and impacting elements of the bill are as follows:

- Once per year, every fire hydrant must be tested to ensure proper functioning.
- Implement a plan for flushing every hydrant and every dead end of water mains.

- Keep a record of all inspections, testing and flushing for a period of six years.
- Mark each hydrant with owner responsibility and an indexing number by which the hydrant can be tracked.
- Develop and implement a valve inspection, exercise, and maintenance program.
- Develop a cybersecurity program in accordance with the Board of Public Utilities, which specifies responsibilities and program oversight.
- Develop an industry standard-based asset management plan that includes a replacement schedule for underground water main that is directly proportionate to the number of miles of underground main.

Currently, the MPWC maintains an asset management plan, water main replacement schedule, hydrant inspection and flushing program, valve inspection program, a cybersecurity plan, and official records of all activities. Also in place

is extensive oversight involving the superintendent's office; director of engineering; chief operating officer; water quality technicians, plant operators and field service personnel; as well as office support staff.

Over the past 10 years, we have been aggressively planning for and implementing best practices for water utilities. As such, the MPWC has a significant head start on being compliant should SB 2834 be implemented. The compliance standards in this bill are more

aggressive than what we have programmed and we will need to adjust going forward.

Be confident that the MPWC remains vigilant and pro-active with respect to our responsibilities to serve our

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Beginning last year, the MPWC no longer mails individual copies of the Consumer Confidence Report to cus-

tomers, as it is available electronically on our website or by visiting [www.gemgrp.com/ereports/MPWC2016CCR.pdf](http://www.gemgrp.com/ereports/MPWC2016CCR.pdf).

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## Pennsauken Prepares For Annual Car Show, Harvest Festival

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In addition to Pennsauken's summer-time 125th birthday bash (see our front cover for details), the Township is preparing for two of its annual community events: the Car, Bike, and Craft Show and the Harvest Festival. Each event offers a wonderful opportunity for Pennsauken residents – as well as our neighbors from surrounding towns – to come together and celebrate.

### Crafters, Vehicles Needed For Car Show

Crafters and vehicles are needed for the Township's 25th annual Car, Bike, and Craft Show, held on Sunday, Sept. 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Held along part of the "Maple Mile," classic cars and bikes, as well as some of latest models on the market, line up at Pinsetter Bar & Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave., and stretch down towards Union Ave. The event also features the popular "Crafter's Row," with vendors offering a wide variety of goods for sale. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 1.

"This is a great event that people look forward to every year. We hope that if you have a car or motorcycle that you love to display, or are a crafter looking for an event with a lot of foot traffic, you'll consider joining us," says Elwood Martz, head of Pennsauken's Parks and Recre-



Preparations are underway for two of the Township's annual community events: the Car, Bike, and Craft Show and the Harvest Festival.

ation Department. "It goes without saying that the more cars, bikes, and crafters we have, the better our event will be."

For more information, call (856) 665-1000 x151 or e-mail [emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us). To download registra-

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### Celebrating Pennsauken's Rich Culture

The Pennsauken Township Public Events Committee, in association with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host the fourth annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival, a celebration of heritage, arts and community. The free event, held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., will highlight Pennsauken's diverse cultural identity with a celebration of arts and community.

"We're hoping for clear skies and cool fall temperatures for this showcase of culture and community," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "We'll have music and dance acts performing throughout the day, mixing in a variety of demonstrations by the Pennsauken Fire Department, as part of Fire Prevention Month."

Both vendors and volunteers are needed for this event. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 8; vendors and volunteers are asked to hold both dates. For more information, event planners can be contacted at [www.facebook.com/PennsaukenHarvestFestival](http://www.facebook.com/PennsaukenHarvestFestival).

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place on Fridays, Aug. 4, 11, 18, and 25 in 30-minute one-on-one sessions from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Space is limited to two persons per Friday, so call or come in to sign-up at the Reference Desk right away.

We also welcome all home educators to a homeschooling resource and exchange event. Bring your used curriculum, literature, and homeschooling resources for a free materials and ideas swap. This event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 12 from noon to 1:45 p.m. in the Community Room. Our hosts, the BBF Girls, will provide free refreshments and a library tour will be available. To register, please contact the Reference Desk

Finally, our popular basic computer classes for adults and seniors are back. Join us in the Community Room on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in August from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for instruction on Microsoft Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Excel, as well as classes on the internet and e-mail. To register, please sign up at the Reference Desk or call us at (856) 665-5959 ext. 4, as space is limited.

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## August Events at the Library

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- Homeschooler's Resources & Exchange Event – Saturday, Aug. 12; noon–1:45 p.m. We are hosting a free materials and ideas swap for home educators in the Community Room. Bring the teaching materials (curriculum, literature, and resources) you are no longer using to swap with other

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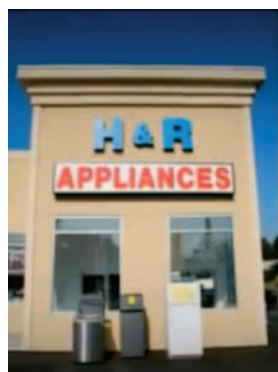
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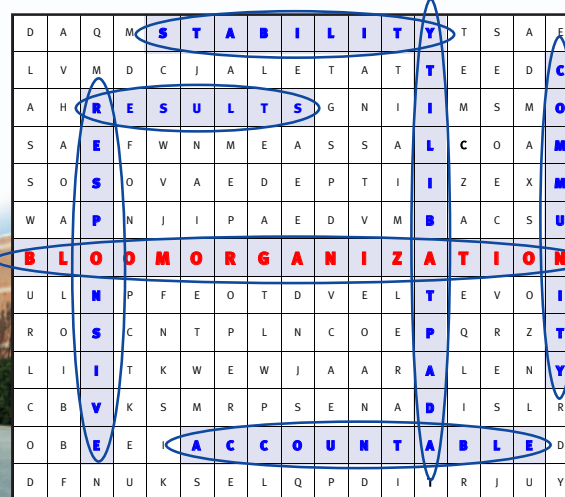
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## GOING GREEN Turn Summer Evenings Into A Party by Dining Al Fresco

By Kathleen Harvey,  
AAP Columnist

Al fresco dining, or dining al fresco, is a fancy way of saying "eating outside." Al fresco dining is especially popular in the warmer months when temperatures and weather are most favorable. It is casual and often creates a party-like atmosphere by adding a lively and enjoyable dimension to dining. Al fresco dining gets you out of the house into the fresh, open air, where the slower pace of life can be appreciated.

Al fresco dining can be done at a restaurant, public park, outdoor theater or music center, or in your own back yard with family or friends. The advantages of eating in your own back yard are enjoying the flowers, birds, butterflies, and wildlife, while encouraging family discussion and disconnecting from mobile devices for a while. Large celebrations can

be pot luck, where everyone brings a dish to share, and you get to enjoy other folks' harvests, cooking and gardens.

### Dining Al Fresco Basics

Whether it's a back yard or public space, find a suitable location to set up an outdoor dining area, sheltered from winds and sun. Ideally, set up under a tree, in the shade with a blanket picnic style, or with patio furniture using a large umbrella. Flowers, potted plants, and garden statuary can enhance the visual appeal. Fresh herbs add scents to the air. Space required depends on the number of attendees. If setting up in your own back yard, consider setting up near the back door or kitchen window to facilitate passing food to the serving area.

Decorate simply. A tablecloth, some flowers, lanterns, and candles are suitable for decorating an outdoor table. Paper

plates, cups, and plastic serving utensils simplify clean up. Grab a potted plant and place it in the entertainment area for a focal point. If the party continues after dark, outlining the dining area with white twinkle lights can create an air of magic.

Next, select the food to be served. Cold food is often an easier choice than hot food, unless you have a barbecue or warming pad near the table. A mixture of barbecued food with salads, sliced vegetables/fruit and pasta works well

for al fresco dining. If you grow summer vegetables and fruits, harvesting some of them for dinner is an easy, fun way to get the family involved in making dinner, and better understanding where food comes from. This month, tomatoes, peppers, squash, beans, corn, peaches, blackberries, and raspberries are all plentiful. Be careful serving foods containing mayonnaise, as that can go bad quickly in the heat. Minimize the time food is left outdoors; pack

up and refrigerate or toss leftovers as soon as the meal is done.

Use insect deterrents, but be cautious of toxic substances around food. Place insect repellent herbs near the dining area (e.g., lavender, tansy, catnip), and burn citronella candles or oil to keep the insects at bay.

So fire up the grill, make salads with the garden harvest, and add wonderful desserts made from fresh fruit to create a simple and nutritious meal. Bon appetite!

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## FOODADVENTURES

## Spices And Flavors Abound At Aroma Indian Bistro



By Rachael Rivera,  
AAP Columnist

Close your eyes for a moment and take a trip with me. Imagine the smell of fresh cut roses; hearing soft, exotic music and the bustling of a kitchen; and the taste of sweet and spicy flavors as they dance right onto your taste buds. This is how I feel after eating at Aroma Indian Bistro, the new restaurant located on Centre St. in Merchantville.

My fiancé had never had Indian food

and I decided to take him on my food adventure for this month's article. We ordered veggie samosas, peas, carrots, and potatoes in a spicy red curry sauce folded into wonton wrappers and fried until golden brown; chicken pakora, chicken fritters made with boneless chicken and chickpea flour; chicken tikka masala, chicken roasted in a special clay pot oven, cooked in mild tomato fenugreek sauce; lamb rogan josh, served in an authentic sauce with ginger, garlic, and bell pepper; and malai falooda kulfi, Indian

ice cream made from thickened and reduced milk flavored with saffron and cardamom. We also each had a side of Basmati rice and perfectly baked garlic naan, a traditional Indian bread you use to scoop up all of the delicious food you eat from Aroma. Both of the main meat dishes we ordered came with a lot of sauce, so the naan came in very handy.

I've never really tried Indian desserts, so I went with a suggestion from the host; it was definitely a new experience. The malai falooda kulfi isn't just fun to say; it's fun and slightly strange to eat. Imagine a dish of amazing vanilla ice cream covered in noodles and sweetly flavored with a hint of rose water in taste and smell. It was new and exciting and exactly what I was looking for. This was a true foodie delight for me.

Everything here is seasoned so well. It's not too overwhelming and though the dishes may sound exotic, don't hesitate to ask the owners what they suggest. There is something for everyone. They



The newly opened Aroma Indian Bistro introduces fare that is a fusion of both Indian and American cuisine.

also offer a nice selection of lunch specials – including an all-you-can-eat buffet – and are very vegan friendly.

Aroma Indian Bistro is located at 43

S. Centre St. in Merchantville; they're open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday noon to 10:00 p.m. Both dine in and take out are available. For more information, call (856) 320-4501 or visit AromaBistro.net. You can even find them on Facebook!

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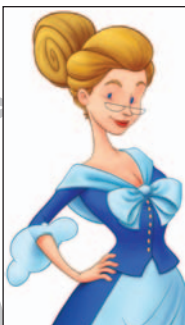
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## Officials, Developers Break Ground For Haddon Point Apartment Project continued from page 1

empty nesters, is the vision of Delco Development, a Willingboro-based real estate development and management company with 40 years of experience. Known for projects like Aloft in Mt. Laurel, Delco is excited to tackle its first residential property right here in Pennsauken.

"It's a phenomenal piece of real estate. It has all the infrastructure. It's a few minutes from the mall and restaurants. It's right outside of Philadelphia," explains Tom Juliano, president, Delco Development. "What I wanted to do was

something really different. I didn't want to build your regular, old apartments."

Plans for phase one of the project call for the initial construction of approximately 240 units of one- and two-bedroom apartments on the 35-acre property, with more units – and possibly even townhouses – to be added in the future. There are also long term plans to make the site a mixed use property, with the inclusion of several retail stores. Haddon Point will feature a variety of amenities throughout the complex to make it

stand out, such as a \$500,000 investment in landscaping, lighted walking paths, a club house adjacent to an outdoor pool, fireplaces and fire pits, Wi-Fi for residents, and more.

"There are going to be a lot of things we hope make people want to live and stay in this community," says Juliano.

"Young professionals want a lot of amenities. This place will have them," adds McBride.

During the groundbreaking event, it was stressed several times that the Haddon Point project was only possible through the cooperation and partnership of county agencies, municipal government, and business.

"We had a lot of people here that put this together. It's an endeavor of everyone," says Bill Juliano, founder and chairman, Delco Development. "We're very proud of this. I think it's a dynamic piece of property. I think we'll do well here. And I think it's going to be a surprise."

"We're going to have bumps along the road, but the best part about redevelopment is when you have a town that really wants to work with you. That's what makes it special," adds Tom Juliano.



A rendering of the new Haddon Point Apartments. The project begins construction later this month. Photo credit: Delco Development.

"There were a lot of people who didn't believe this would happen. But it's going to happen."

Delco Development has indicated that official construction for Haddon Point will begin by the end of August.

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## **PUBLICWORKS** Trash, Recycling, And Yard Debris Collection Issues

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,  
Department of Public Works

Many of us have the weekly ritual of placing trash and recycling at our curb the evening before collection day and on Tuesday evenings for yard debris. I'm fairly certain that the enjoyment of bestowing this duty upon one's children is a contributing factor for bringing life into this world. The certainty of the task itself is right up there on the list with other inevitabilities like death and taxes. This chore has to happen whether it's hot or cold; rainy or dry; or if you're tired, sick, or just feeling lazy!

The absolute worst thing is when you arrive home from work on a collection day and your house, or even the entire block, was missed. Each and every day, our secretary and sanitation inspector address phone calls and e-mails regarding trash issues. With thousands of collections being performed weekly, less than a hundred or so are missed due to an oversight with the Township's contractor, Waste Management. It's a pretty good performance considering the size of the town. However, there are times when performance is just not up to snuff. During these occurrences, I request that you

contact our office and explain the situation and not approach the driver. There is a route manager at Waste Management that the Department of Public Works coordinates with to address and correct issues.

On the other hand, there are limits, according to the contract between the Township and Waste Management, to both the quantity of trash to be disposed of and the type of material that you're looking to pitch. Typically, if a stop was "missed," it could be the result of a Waste Management employee deciding that the items were improperly placed at the curb or that trash and recycling were commingled. On yard debris day, a pile of unbundled branches or overweight bundles may be the reason they were left behind.

In recent months, our office has been implementing a proactive approach to these instances. In the past, your phone call or e-mail to us would begin the conversation. Now, we require Waste Management to communicate WHY they won't pick something up by giving us the address (and photos at times) of an

"over-the-limit" or "improper curbside placement." This allows us to judge the appropriate course of action. Sometimes, we find no issue with a homeowner placement and send Waste Management back out.

You may find one of Public Works' "trash informational packets" in your door or mailbox, with your attention drawn to the particular subject that you may be out of compliance with and how to rectify the situation for the following week's collection. This does two things: it eliminates the guesswork on the resident's end, bringing to light exactly what needs to happen to resolve the issue; and it helps to create a game plan for a specific location and have an answer if the resident or a neighbor calls in with a concern. This typically occurs with move-outs, where a renter dumps the majority of their unwanted items at the curb and takes off. We contact the legal owner of the property and start a timeline for citation purposes. If you would like to stop by our office, located at 6725 Wayne Ave., and pick-up a trash informational packet,

feel free to do so. If getting around is difficult, we'll drop one off for you.

This particular subject could take three pages for me to go through. In an attempt to save the sanity of the editor of All Around Pennsauken, I can summarize by simply saying this... if you have a question, call us! Each situation is basically the same: you have something you want to get rid of and we can tell you how to make it happen. From TVs, old paint and stains, even that unused exercise equipment your husband promised he'd use; one call does it all! To contact the Department of Public Works, call (856) 663-0178 or e-mail [publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us](mailto:publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us).

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## Pennsauken Throws Summertime Birthday Bash On August 27

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"This birthday bash is a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate a community 125 years in the making," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "My colleagues and I on Township Committee hope that all of our Pennsauken families join us for this special event."

For more information and a schedule of events, visit [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/125-years](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/125-years).



Former Philadelphia Phillies outfielder Greg "The Bull" Luzinski will be on hand for photos and autographs at Pennsauken's birthday bash from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

## Infrastructure Improvements Coming To Cooper River Park

One of the most popular public places in the county, the Armitage Pavilion in Cooper River Park, will soon be replaced with the help of a \$1 million Green Acres Grant awarded to Camden County by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

"Cooper River Park remains one of the county's most treasured public spaces and we continue to seek grants like these to make sure that the space is constantly being improved," said Freeholder Jeff Nash, liaison to the Camden County Parks Department, who announced kayak and paddleboat rentals last week in the same park. "Infrastructure improvements will increase the park's ability to hold events and races on the river, and will have a general, positive impact on the quality of life for our residents using the greenspace."

In addition to the replacement of the Armitage pavilion, the \$1 million grant will be used towards improvements to

the regatta start tower and docks, and creating easier access to viewing areas for spectators. Baseball fields in the park on North Park Drive adjacent to Bishop Eustace High School will also be rehabilitated, and a second field is planned for creation where there is currently only one on the site.

"This will be a great benefit to those coming to the park to participate in, or watch, one of our world-class regattas or racing events," Nash said.

The improvements will be part of the Freeholder Board's continued effort to improve and expand recreational opportunities in the county, and will benefit residents who utilize the parks as places for exercise and leisure. More information on the parks system and the other exciting additions being made can be found by visiting [www.camdencounty.com/service/parks/](http://www.camdencounty.com/service/parks/) or by calling the Camden County Parks Department at (856) 216-2146.

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By Ellyn McMullin, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Looking to get out for a fun summer activity? Maybe a visit to a local museum, arboretum, nature center, wildlife refuge, historical site or the Battleship New Jersey is the ticket, except that the ticket is FREE through the Museum Pass Program! Sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsauken Library, patrons can use their library membership card to borrow a Museum Pass at the circulation desk and then go, taking along friends and family free of charge.

In all, there are now 12 area locations covered by the pass – the newest one is the Independence Seaport Museum in Philly. Pennsauken Library members get to keep a pass for a full four days with no charge. Keep in mind, though, you'll have to pay a late fee if you don't return it in time.

To ensure you don't make a trip to the Library in vain, call (856) 665-5959, x 3 to see if the pass you want is available. The Library will hold your "reservation" for one hour, enough time to

pick up the pass.

### Programs Return In September

Due to the issues with the Library's air conditioner, there are no programs during the month of August. But as the song goes, "See you in September!"

We'll be kicking off our book collection for the annual Friends' Book, Tech, and Bake Sale on the Tuesday, Sept. 5. So bring the books, CDs or DVDs you

no longer want (please, though, no magazines, damaged books, encyclopedias, or VHS tapes), and drop them off at the Library's Community Room. The Book, Tech and Bake Sale will take place Oct. 13-15, with a member preview on the 14th.

Our popular Movie and Munch program restarts Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 12:30 p.m. after our summer hiatus. We'll be reshooting June's bio-drama that was cut

short last time. If you're interested in the title, call the Library's Circulation Desk.

### Ira's Tree Of Knowledge

One of the Friend's programs that continues to bloom – regardless of the heat – is Ira's Tree of Knowledge, the stately bronze memorial spreading its

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## The Importance Of Sharing Information On Abandoned And Vacant Properties

By Tracey Howarth,  
Pennsauken Township

Pennsauken Township has spent the better part of the last 14 months putting together a program aimed at getting the vacant and abandoned properties in town sold, rehabbed and occupied with permanent residents.

We've also spent countless hours studying, researching, and analyzing all the tools available to us to get our goal accomplished as quickly as possible with little to no expense to the Township. The results are a completely new set of ordinances, new partnerships, and an arsenal of tools to ensure that the Township not only has the benefit of all the current legal tools available, but also the tools to streamline this process and remove as many obstacles as possible.

The key to getting all of this done was the sharing of information: communicating between Township departments; working with our fire department and police; partnering with neighboring towns, the county, financial institutions, local contractors, lien holders, investors, and residents.

Information sharing isn't always just about identifying where we were, where we are, and where we're going. It's also about resolving issues. How do we fix a

problem? And what are our responsibilities as it relates to the tools we've put in place?

I often get questions like, "Why can't the Township just do what needs to be done?" "Why can't the Township just step in and fix it?" Or, "Why does it take so long to get something fixed?" It can give the perception that the Township isn't doing anything about an issue. That could not be further from the truth.

The Township has the responsibility to act within the boundaries of the ordinances we have in place for everyone's well being. Sometimes this means giving a property owner several business days to resolve an issue before we can step in. Other times, an action needs to be scheduled with one of our departments that won't be able to address it until the following week. While it seems like the Township may be sitting on its hands to address a problem, things are actually already in motion. It just takes time. We are sympathetic to the concerns of our residents; we are working as fast as we can to resolve issues with abandoned and vacant homes as soon as possible.

Information is meant to be shared in a constructive, factual, useful, and sometimes even educational manner. It's un-

productive and irresponsible to use it in any other manner. It's the key to the success or failure of this program. If not used correctly, it will derail the main focus of the program and put us on a path to failure, which we all know is not an option.

There is a new way residents can help insure that we know about the abandoned or vacant properties in your neighborhood and to ask direct questions to the Township's abandoned and vacant property department. We have developed a new online form for reporting issues about vacant properties. Not only will we gain information about issues we can begin to resolve, but we can also respond to you directly with updates and explanations.

You can find a link to this online form by visiting [www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/abandoned-and-vacant-property-initiative](http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/abandoned-and-vacant-property-initiative).

### Where Are We Now?

At the beginning of April, we streamlined our program and made one very big adjustment to our inspection process. Our inspectors now focus on safety, health and welfare issues only when inspecting a property. Since April 8, 2017, we have sold 158 properties. Since June of 2016, we have sold 379 properties.

Because of our partnership with Community Champions, we have been able to identify over 150 property maintenance companies associated with foreclosed properties, something we would not have had a year ago. And because we have identified these property maintenance companies, there has been an 80 percent reduction in the use of our Public Works Department's resources on abandoned and vacant properties, freeing them up to work on other projects.

Since the beginning of the year, we have seen four very undesirable properties demolished at no expense to the Township. These were four of 16 properties Pennsauken identified as unsafe structures.

While we're making progress, there still is a lot of work to do. We will continue to need your help to move forward.

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## inSports Playing Pickleball In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Members of the Pennsauken community can take advantage of free lessons for a fun sport with an unusual name.

Pickleball is a sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-

pong; it can be played both indoors and outside; and it can be played whether you're in eighth grade or your eighth decade. But don't let the name fool you – no pickles are actually used in game play. “The game's been around for 50

years; there are 450 local players in South Jersey that use Meetup to play,” says Denise Donald, district ambassador for the USA Pickleball Association. “People can't get enough of the sport.”

The game has a growing following in Pennsauken; local devotees spent two days in the spring power washing and painting the tennis courts at Browning Rd. and Chestnut St. to make them pickleball-friendly. Estelle “Cookie” Sey, Pennsauken resident and pickleball ambassador for the Pennsauken and Camden area, teaches beginners the basics and connects them with other fans of the sport.

“Almost every time I meet out here,

there's one or two new people I'm teaching,” says Sey, who was a physical education teacher and tennis coach for the Camden School District for over 30 years. “It's easy to pick up the skills. People that had tennis injuries have come back to find out that they can still play this type of sport.”

“People are in their 50's, 60's, and 70's and they're learning a new sport. They're outside in the sunshine, laughing and having a good time,” adds Donald.

Pennsauken's pickleball courts can accommodate several groups playing at once. During the free lessons, equipment and encouraging instruction are provided.

“The volunteers did a great job with the courts and Cookie loves to teach,” says Donald. “She does it for free.”

“Denise taught me the rules and got me playing and I've been hooked ever since,” explains Sey. “I love pickleball. It keeps me busy.”

Free lessons at Pennsauken's pickleball courts at Browning Rd. and Chestnut St. are held Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, e-mail [pennspickleball@gmail.com](mailto:pennspickleball@gmail.com) or call (856) 841-2749. You can also join the South Jersey Pickleball Meetup by visiting [www.meetup.com/SouthJerseypickleball/](http://www.meetup.com/SouthJerseypickleball/).



Pennsauken's playing pickleball at the tennis courts on Browning Rd. and Chestnut St. Volunteers donated time and effort to power wash and paint the court specifically for the game.

## Rams Football Charges Into Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The New Jersey Rams is a development football team that is hanging its banner at the old PYAA football field on Elm Ave. Part of the Atlantic Coast Football Alliance, the Rams are gearing up for some local scrimmages and are looking to make a name for themselves in the community.

“Rams are animals that are on the mountaintop and take control of situations,” explains Charles Hook, who co-owns the team his wife, Erin, and friend, Felix Dosman. “I want to take control of fundamentals to teach young men how to play football at the next level.”

Hook used to work at South Jersey Mowers in Pennsauken before they closed down. During his time working there, he grew to appreciate the Pennsauken community and its love of football.

“I love the people here. There are a lot of football programs locally; I wanted to



The New Jersey Rams, a development football team that is part of the Atlantic Coast Football Alliance, are playing their home games in Pennsauken.

bring something else to the town that we can grow from.”

The Rams plan to have four home games in town. The roster is currently at 36 and they're accepting new players through Aug. 10.

“We're looking for players with professionalism, commitment, and dedication,” explains Hook. “We also want our players to give back to young people in the community.”

The Rams are also looking to make

improvements to the field and plan to paint the goal posts, repair the fencing, redo the equipment shed, remove the weeds, and fix the lights and the scoreboard.

“This field used to be a prime spot for football. I want to bring this spot back to what it was.”

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